

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Good sportsmanship greatly benefits the lives of young athletes, parents, and coaches; and,

Whereas, The practice of good sportsmanship by young athletes leads to the development of good character, citizenship, social values, and lifelong success skills; and,

Whereas, Good Sportsmanship Awareness Days will bring attention to the steps providing the best sports experience possible for every child, while helping each child develop to his or her fullest potential; and,

Whereas, The designation of Good Sportsmanship Awareness Days will advocate that the real victory is accomplishing the goal, not obtaining the win, by discouraging the "win-at-all-costs" philosophy; and,

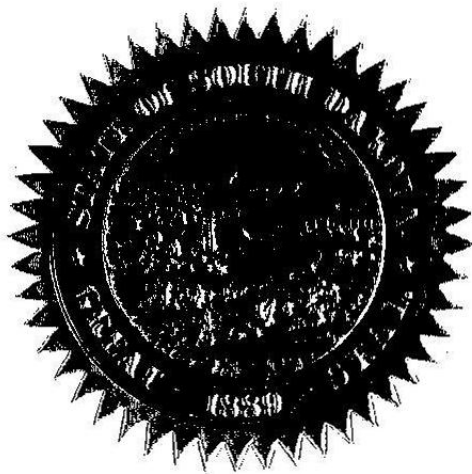
Whereas, South Dakota schools, parents, coaches, and recreation programs will bring out the winner in every child through increased awareness that winning is so much more than the final score; and,

Whereas, Good Sportsmanship Awareness Days will be initiated at the Rapid City Youth Soccer League summer camp at Sioux Park on opening day, June 14, 2010, and will continue through June 18, 2010:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 14-18, 2010, as

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARENESS DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State